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Inlet remains dry, while sewage flows through outlet pipe — plight of Gangashetty Lake rejuvenated at Rs 4 crore has turned worrisome

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Residents of Thalagattapura say secluded stretches in area near Turahalli forest are dimly lit, making them perfect spots for dubious gatherings, garbage dumping; 9 thefts, 12 narcotic-related cases filed in area till Feb this year

SHADOWS LURK AT THE EDGE OF THE FOREST

Hospital waste, construction material, plastic — all kinds of rubbish finds its way here

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The once quiet locality on the edge of a forest in the city, Thalaghattapura, is experiencing the fallout of rapid urban expansion. Isolated stretches in the locality have turned dangerous, especially after dark and civic sense or the lack of it is becoming increasingly evident.

According to police station records, theft, missing complaints, narcotic-related cases and other BNS and IPC offences were among the frequently reported cases within the Thalaghattapura station limits.

In 2024, the station recorded 93 theft cases, 94 missing complaints, five Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) cases and 36 other BNS and IPC offences. In 2025, 87 theft cases, 87 missing complaints, six NDPS cases and 65 other BNS and IPC offences were reported. As per the latest update till February 20, 2026, the station has recorded nine theft cases, 14 missing complaints, 12 NDPS related cases and three other BNS and IPC offences.

BM spoke to residents and the

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This is the sight at the edge of Turahalli forest

"We have three Hoysala vehicles patrolling the area. During daytime, our focus remains around schools and colleges, busy market spaces and in the evenings we concentrate near factories as many women return from work late at night

—Suhaas NR, Sub Inspector

The kids are not alright

Study reveals use of child restraint systems in vehicles almost non-existent in Bengaluru; cost remains biggest barrier

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Despite laws mandating seat-belt use for all occupants in a vehicle, child restraint use in Karnataka remains "almost non-existent", according to a new observational study conducted across the State. The findings have raised concerns among road safety experts, who warn that children continue to remain one of the most vulnerable groups on Indian roads.

The report, presented recently to the Karnataka State Road Safety Authority, was prepared by the Johns Hopkins International Injury Research Unit through the Bloomberg Philanthropies Initiative for Global Road Safety in collaboration with National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences. The observations were conducted in the Bengaluru Metropolitan Region and across Karnataka between October 2022 and May 2025.

The study found that overall child restraint use in Karnataka was less than 1%, indicating that very few children travel in dedicated safety seats or booster seats despite the risks involved in crashes.

Professor Gautham M Sukumar, Professor of Epidemiology and Head of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion, NIMHANS, who initiated the study, said, "India already has laws requiring all occupants to wear seat belts, but enforcement

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THINGS TO DO

01 Artful beginnings

Atta Galatta is hosting an Art Journalling Workshop, a guided, beginner-friendly session where participants can draw, collage, layer and create a journal page that's entirely theirs. **Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar; When: May 23, 1 pm**

02 Fun feast

The Oterra Hotel is hosting a Kids Carnival Brunch, bringing a vibrant world of cartoon legends and superhero adventures. While parents enjoy a premium spread, children can dive into interactive games, live performances and more. **Where: The Oterra Hotel, 24@43, Electronic City; When: Every Sunday until May 31**

03 Jammin' together

Rudraksha Live Entertainment Pvt Ltd presents Jazbaa, a concert featuring Vishal and Rekha Bhardwaj — a powerhouse duo in Indian music and cinema, known for their deeply moving collaborations and individual brilliance. **Where: Phoenix Marketcity; When: May 30, 7 pm**

04 Illuminated evening

Candlelight® by Live Your City returns to Bengaluru this season, offering audiences intimate evenings where thousands of glowing candles transform venues into immersive settings for unforgettable live music experiences. **Where: Samarthanam Auditorium- Managed by Theatrenama; When: May 30, 6.30 pm, 8.30 pm**

05 Patterns of imagination

Author Divya Ramachandran brings the launch of 'Meera and the Magic Kolam', a story that celebrates imagination, tradition and self-expression, along with a two hour interactive kolam session and workshop highlighting heritage and creativity. **Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar; When: May 24, 2.30 pm**

SC's decision on strays draws mixed reactions

While some note that SC's directions place greater responsibility on state and local authorities to expand ABC and ARV capacity, critics stress poor infrastructure, funding and welfare guidelines

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The Supreme Court (SC) on Tuesday upheld its earlier directions on the removal of stray dogs from public places. A three-judge bench comprising Justice Vikram Nath, Justice Sandeep Mehta and Justice NV Anjaria dismissed a batch of petitions seeking modifications to the apex court's November 2025 order. City-based animal welfare groups expressed mixed reactions to the ruling.

While some said the order could strengthen stray dog management through improved Animal Birth Control (ABC) and Anti-Rabies Vaccination (ARV) programmes under the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023, others described the decision as underwhelming. According to Sadhana Hegde, founder of Sahavarthin Animal Welfare Trust, the order is disappointing. While parts of the order emphasised the implementation of ABC Rules and adherence to the Prevention of Cruelty against Animals Act, 1960, the bench failed to consider the vacuum effect. "Sahavarthin has been vocal about Karnataka's abysmal animal management and governance. Even now, officials at the panchayat level don't know how to read an order, have no money to implement the order and bureaucracy is limited to submitting compliance reports. We will legally challenge the order in Karnataka soon," said Hegde.

Activists stress need for continued implementation of Animal Birth Control and Anti-Rabies Vaccination programme for effective stray management

The top court, in November 2025, had directed all states and union territories to remove stray dogs from hospitals, schools, airports, bus stands, railway stations, sports complexes and high-footfall public spaces and relocate them to shelters.

Following this, the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) issued a Standard Operating Procedure for stray dog management. However, many NGOs and animal welfare groups had challenged the SOP. Animal welfare workers say that while the SC has refused to recall its earlier directions, it has shifted stronger responsibility onto state governments, municipalities and local authorities.

It is also importnt to note that this is not a blanket directive to remove all street dogs from every road and the distinction matters. "The court has not ordered mass nationwide removal of all street dogs, nor has it struck down the ABC Rules 2023. It has not criminalised compassion or abolished feeding entirely," said Priya Chetty-Rajagopal, founder of Heritage Beku, a city-based NGO.

Harini Raghavan of Citizens for Animal Birth Control opined that it is about time that the state government takes ABC and ARV more seriously and does it on a war footing. "Overall judgement seems poised towards increasing the ABC and ARV capacity in line with ABC rules. If we had done this earlier, there would have been no need for continuous court hearings. ABC rules also define protocol for rabid dogs," said Raghavan. Experts say the root cause of human-dog conflict is a lack of continued and institutional implementation of the Animal Birth Control and Anti-Rabies Vaccination programme by local authorities as mandated under the ABC Rules.

The SC's verdict on Tuesday acknowledges that the framework exists, but the will and infrastructure to execute it have been absent. "We are encouraged by the court's directions towards urgent and effective implementation of the statutory mandate of ABC. Hopefully, governments will not resort to measures that are beyond the scope of established law and scientific process, such as removal or culling of dogs," said Alokparna Sengupta, Managing Director, Humane World for Animals India.

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However, experts yet again underline inadequate infrastructure availability to relocate the animals, the absence of adequate shelters and the lack of budget and welfare guidelines for such large-scale removals.

Eye troubles on the rise as summer heat builds up

Combination of heat, dust and lifestyle habits is taking its toll on eye health, with rising cases of infections and allergies and recovery times stretching longer than before, say experts

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Bengaluru is witnessing a noticeable rise in eye-related problems this summer, with ophthalmologists reporting an increase in allergic conjunctivitis and dry eye conditions, especially among working professionals. Doctors say that compared to earlier, the infections this time are more severe and are taking longer to heal.

Experts say that the combination of heat, dust and lifestyle factors is worsening eye health in the city. Fine dust particles in the air are rising due to high temperatures and are settling closer to face and eye level, increasing exposure to allergens. This leads to frequent eye rubbing, which further spreads irritation and infection. At the same time, continuous use of air conditioners is reducing moisture in indoor environments, making eyes dry. Doctors also note that excessive screen time, poor sleep and low water intake are adding to the problem.

"Currently in Bengaluru, allergic conjunctivitis is being seen among working professionals. This time, conjunctivitis cases are quite severe and are requiring two to three weeks of treatment. Earlier, it used to take around five days to recover. The severity is also leading to corneal infiltrates. Entire families are getting affected in many cases, along with a rise in dry eye complaints…..As a result, people are rubbing their eyes more, which leads to further contamination," Dr Sandeep Patil, Consultant & HOD – Ophthalmology, Sakra World Hospital, said.

Dr Jayashree K Bhat, Consultant – Ophthalmology, Aster RV Hospital, said that during summer months, cases of dry eyes and eye infections tend to rise. She explained that tears naturally cleanse and protect the eye surface, but when their quality is disrupted, problems begin. Tears are made up of water, mucin and oil components, all of which are essential for healthy eye function, she said. She added that factors such as dehydration, prolonged screen use and poor sleep can worsen dryness, making eyes more vulnerable to infection. Common symptoms include itching, a gritty or foreign body sensation, mild redness, and frequent blinking caused by irritation. "Paradoxically, there can also be excessive tearing, which is not true tear production but a reflex response. Increased use of air conditioning worsens dryness, so such practices should be avoided. Eyes should be protected with sunglasses, even in air-conditioned environments, as they help reduce tear evaporation. Proper hydration, use of artificial tears and good sleep are important. Treatment is based on lifestyle patterns," added Dr Bhat.

Do's

- Stay well hydrated by drinking enough water throughout the day to support natural tear production
- Use lubricating eye drops if you experience dryness, especially when working long hours on screens or in AC environments
- Wear sunglasses outdoors and try to take regular screen breaks to reduce eye strain

Don'ts

- Don't rub your eyes frequently, as it can worsen irritation and spread infection
- Don't overuse air conditioning without breaks, as dry air can increase eye dryness
- Don't wash your eyes repeatedly with water

Emergency call saves man

A woman from Nagarbhavi called the emergency helpline after her husband allegedly attempted suicide following a family dispute on May 18. Hoysala 85 from Kamakshipalya Police Station reached the spot within 16 minutes.

On arrival, the police found the house locked and had to break open the door, where they discovered the man hanging. The officers safely rescued him and provided emotional support and counselling.

According to the police, the family dispute was later resolved following intervention by the officers. **BMB**

Elderly man rescued promptly

Konanakunte police rescued a 70-year-old man who was found unconscious inside his locked house on May 16. According to police reports, the man's family members had been trying to contact him by phone, but received no response. Worried about his safety, they alerted the emergency helpline.

Hoysala 153 officers reached the spot, broke open the door, and found the elderly man unconscious inside the house. He was shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment.

The police later contacted the family members and advised them to take proper care of the elderly man. **BMB**

Gold theft gang busted

Halasuru police arrested three persons and recovered 84 grams of stolen gold worth Rs 12 lakh on May 12. According to the police, a jewellery shop owner from Nagarthpet Main Road had filed a complaint on May 6, stating that unidentified persons had stolen 24-carat gold bars kept for refining purposes.

The theft took place on the fifth floor, where the accused allegedly entered through a window at night during refinery work. Police recovered 15 grams of gold from a friend and 69 grams from one accused in Okalipuram, while efforts are on to trace the remaining gold; both have been remanded to judicial custody. **BMB**

HSR vehicle thief arrested

HSR Layout police arrested a man accused of stealing 10 two-wheelers worth Rs 5.30 lakh. The case came to light after a resident of Sector 7 filed a complaint in July last year stating that his bike had gone missing after being parked outside his house overnight.

Police arrested the accused near Oxford College Ground on May 12 and recovered one stolen bike. He allegedly confessed to multiple thefts across HSR Layout, Varthur and Electronic City. Police later recovered several vehicles from HSR Layout and Agara, taking the total to 10 two-wheelers; he was remanded to judicial custody on May 13. **BMB**

BM Education

Login trouble: Amid complaints of technical glitches by students in the CBSE Class 12 re-evaluation portal, the board on Tuesday claimed that the system is functioning properly and only a few login-related issues were reported earlier in the day

Private schools face strict regulations

The Education Department has tightened regulations for private educational institutions, introducing fresh rules for recognition renewal, management changes and campus relocation under the Karnataka Educational Institutions (Amendment) Rules, 2026.

Private schools and PU colleges will now have to pay application fees ranging from `50,000 to `2 lakh for management or location changes, depending on the category of institution. The government has also made it mandatory for institutions seeking recognition to submit annual audit reports and maintain security deposits through e-bank guarantees from nationalised banks.

Authorities said the deposits could be used by the Education Department if schools fail to clear liabilities or shut down abruptly. Institutions must also either own land or hold a registered lease or rental agreement valid for at least 15 years, along with mandatory e-khata or khata documents.

In a parallel crackdown, the School Education Department has directed aided private high schools to submit details of vacant teaching and staff posts caused by retirement, death or resignation before December 2015.

Schools have been asked to furnish vacancy details to education officers before July 15, failing which the posts could be permanently abolished.

Officials have warned that managements failing to report vacancies would be held responsible, adding that the move was aimed at preventing staff shortages from affecting students' academic progress. **BMB**

Karnataka faces severe teacher deficit

Even as the state government pushes to increase enrolment in government schools for the new academic year, a severe teacher shortage continues to affect classrooms across Karnataka.

A report by NITI Aayog revealed that government schools in the state are functioning with a 22 per cent teacher shortage, raising concerns over the quality of education and classroom learning. Karnataka has over 38,000 teacher vacancies across 41,088 government primary schools, with most posts unfilled at the lower primary level, the report stated. Though the state announced recruitment of 15,000 teachers, the process is yet to begin. Experts said dependence on guest teachers has only partly addressed the staffing crisis. **BMB**

State demands end to NEET

The State Government has urged the Centre to abolish NEET-UG from the 2026 academic year and restore states' powers to conduct entrance exams through transparent systems such as the Common Entrance Test (CET). Karnataka Medical Education Minister Sharan Prakash Patil said Karnataka has a strong record of conducting fair, student-friendly exams through the Karnataka Examinations Authority, benefiting rural and economically weaker students. He said repeated allegations surrounding NEET, including paper leaks, impersonation, organised cheating and technical irregularities, have raised concerns over the credibility of the National Testing Agency's examination process. Patil said Karnataka has already written to the Centre seeking permission to conduct admissions through CET. **BMB**

Staff shortage triggers lecturer shuffle

Even as preparations begin for the 2026–27 academic year, the Education Department has directed around 4,000 lecturers from government pre-university colleges with lower workloads to serve in other colleges three days a week. The department calculated workload based on a 320:1 student-to-lecturer ratio, meaning colleges with fewer than 320 students per lecturer are being identified for teaching staff redistribution.

The move drew criticism from the Karnataka State Pre-University College Lecturers' Association, which sought a 40:1 student-lecturer ratio to maintain academic quality. The association warned that deputation could affect teaching and administration, with over 5,200 vacancies and many lecturers serving as in-charge principals. **BMB**

K'taka launches colourful school mission

Forget dull walls scribbled with pencil marks and fading paint. From the new academic year, government primary schools across Karnataka are set for a colourful makeover under the BALA (Building as Learning Aid) project, transforming classrooms and corridors into giant learning spaces for children.

The state government has earmarked ₹11.16 crore to implement the project in 1,116 government schools, where walls, staircases and school premises will soon feature vibrant paintings of science concepts, mathematical formulas, maps and environmental themes. The idea is to make learning more activity-based and child-friendly by allowing students to absorb concepts visually beyond textbooks.

Officials say the initiative is aimed at creating a fear-free and engaging atmosphere where children learn naturally through colours, images and creativity. Officials added that the redesigned campuses would not only improve the appearance of government schools but also help students learn freely through their surroundings. **BMB**

Students trained on POCSO awareness

The Department of Social Work at Dr. Manmohan Singh Bengaluru City University, in association with child protection authorities and social organisations, conducted an awareness and training programme on child rights protection and the POCSO Act for students. Director of Child Protection Dr CV Sneha highlighted the importance of the POCSO Act and urged students to create awareness against child marriage, child labour, teenage pregnancy, female foeticide, begging and child exploitation. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ramesh B raised concern over rising teenage pregnancies in Karnataka and warned students about social media exploitation targeting adolescent girls. He urged youngsters to report child abuse through helplines and the police. **BMB**

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In or out? Gangashetty Lake gets ruined by dirty reverse flow

Rejuvenated Bengaluru lake faces contamination fears as sewage backflow, choking drains and official neglect threaten fragile urban ecosystem again

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Dirty water flowing in reverse through an outlet into Gangashetty Lake

Residents blame poor desilting, political interference and clogged stormwater channels after filthy discharge reversed direction, damaging water quality near civic headquarters

Gangashetty Lake is one of the water bodies under the Bengaluru East City Corporation (BECC) that is vulnerable to the negligence of the authorities concerned. The 20-acre lake, which was rejuvenated a few years ago at an estimated cost of Rs 4 crore, is crying out for attention as it is set to join the list of polluted lakes.

Though the lake is located just a few hundred metres away from the BECC office complex and opposite the Bengaluru East Tahsildar Office, the authorities concerned are yet to focus on it. Lake activists and residents are shocked to see dirty water entering the lake through an outlet. Generally, water flows from the lake into the drain through the outlet whenever the water body is brimming with water.

"I have already complained to the authorities concerned about the lack of water flowing into the lake through the inlets. It is quite amusing, and also shocking, to see dirty water entering the lake through an outlet. With dirty water flowing into the lake, the water quality has deteriorated, thus wasting the efforts and money spent on rejuvenating the lake," said Balaji Raghotham, a lake activist.

Muniraju M, a resident, said that he has been visiting the lake for morning walks but has never seen water flowing into the lake through the inlets. "Whatever water is stored in the lake has flowed into the drain through the outlet. The desilting of the lake was not carried out as per the norms. I want the authorities concerned to remove the silt from the stormwater drain that passes through the slum area to stop dirty water from flowing in reverse," said Muniraju.

Criticising the engineers of the lake department for not supervising or inspecting the desilting work, a resident, pleading anonymity, said the authorities had failed to ensure quality in the desilting process. "The authorities have been avoiding the removal of silt from the drain that passes through the slum due to political pressure. I want the authorities to preserve the lake by taking measures to stop dirty water from entering the water body," he said.

However, BECC Executive Engineer Bhooprada said that she had already directed her subordinates to begin cleaning the stormwater drain, which is choked with silt and weeds. "There is no scope to use an earth-moving machine to clear weeds and silt from the drain due to the dwellings along it. I have instructed my subordinates to engage workers to clean the drain manually," the executive engineer said.

IISc finds metro net-zero route

Study reveals rooftop solar potential of metro airport link, which may power traction demand and cut emissions using BMRCL infrastructure

Bengaluru Metro's 55-kilometre corridor from Central Silk Board to Kempegowda International Airport can be powered entirely by solar energy, using only land already owned by Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL), researchers from the Sustainable Transportation Lab at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have found. According to researchers, an installed capacity of 83.3 MWp is sufficient to meet the corridor's full annual energy demand of 152 GWh. This can be achieved by installing solar panels on station rooftops, elevated viaduct parapets, station canopies, and depot rooftops. The study, titled "Assessing the Potential of Directly Using Solar Power to Run the Operations of Blue Line of Namma Metro", was conducted by IISc in association with BMRCL between August 2025 and March 2026 and shows that metro rail systems can become net-zero energy transport infrastructure using assets they already own.

It estimates that the metro's traction power system can immediately absorb up to 30 MWp of rooftop solar capacity without requiring any modifications to existing infrastructure. This alone could offset 36.5 per cent of the corridor's annual energy consumption. Researchers identified station rooftops as the most viable first phase for implementation.

"All 30 elevated stations together offer around 109,600 square metres of usable rooftop area, enough to accommodate nearly 50,000 solar panels with a total capacity of 29.75 MWp. The estimated investment of Rs 48–63 crore for this phase will generate annual electricity savings of Rs 36.4 crore and achieve a payback period of less than two years," the study noted. Moreover, the cost of energy generated through solar power would range between Rs 1.26 and Rs 1.38 per unit, significantly lower than the current BESCOM tariff of Rs 6.7 per unit paid by BMRCL.

Rooftop solar generation and other systems combined could offset around 61 per cent of the corridor's total traction energy demand.

Bangalore transport research identifies photovoltaic installations on stations, viaducts, depots, enabling energy independence, reduced emissions, financial viability, regulatory support, Karnataka net metering framework approval feasibility

Beyond financial benefits, the project is expected to deliver significant environmental gains. Phase 1 alone could prevent the emission of approximately 44,500 tonnes of carbon dioxide annually, equivalent to removing nearly 19,000 petrol cars from Bengaluru's roads. Under the expanded Phase 2 scenario, annual carbon savings could rise to nearly 78,000 tonnes.

The study also pointed out that Karnataka's existing net metering regulations already provide the regulatory framework needed for implementation. Researchers said no new legislation is required, and BMRCL would only need to apply for net metering approval at designated high-tension nodes through BESCOM and the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission.

"This is not a research aspiration — it is a ready-to-tender infrastructure investment that will deliver returns for decades," said Professor Ashish Verma of the Sustainable Transportation Lab.

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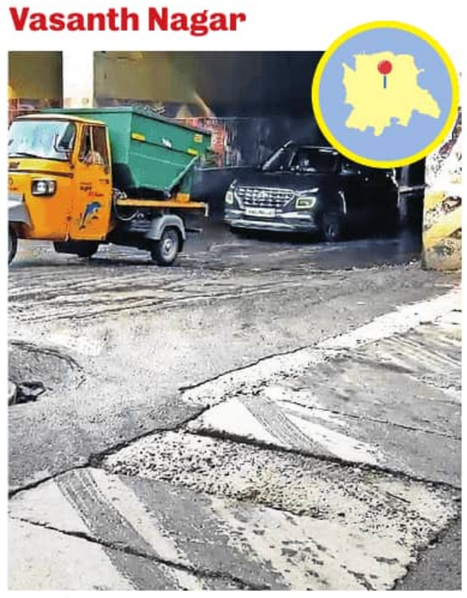
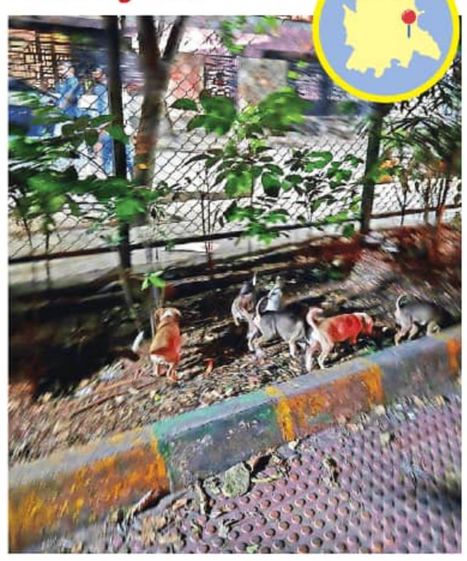


Residents have urged the authorities to clear debris and stone jelly clogging stormwater drains at the Sivananda Railway Underpass in Vasanth Nagar to ensure rainwater flows freely.

Stray menace
BTM Layout



Residents of BTM II Stage have complained about the growing stray dog menace at Kuvempu Park, where the increasing number of dogs and puppies is inconveniencing walkers.

Footpath encroachment
HSR Layout

Residents have raised concerns over widespread footpath encroachment in HSR Layout, alleging that walkways are being illegally used for private parking, gardens and barricades. This is forcing pedestrians onto busy roads and endangering public safety.

NRI leaves loaded gun in hotel, arrested

A 34-year-old Non-Resident Indian (NRI) residing in the United States was arrested by J C Nagar police for allegedly possessing ammunition illegally after leaving a handgun magazine loaded with seven live bullets in a luxury hotel room in Bengaluru. The accused, identified as Arman Mutaahar, checked into the hotel on April 27 and checked out the next morning. Soon after leaving, he allegedly informed hotel management that he had accidentally left an ammunition magazine in his room. Hotel staff later recovered a Ruger-brand handgun magazine containing seven live cartridges. Police said hotel management repeatedly contacted him and asked him to collect it, but he failed to return. Suspecting illegal possession, the manager approached J C Nagar police, and a case was registered under the Arms Act.

Police summoned Arman on May 6 for questioning. During interrogation, he reportedly failed to produce valid documents for possessing ammunition. He claimed he owned a handgun in the United States and had accidentally packed the magazine while travelling. Police are now probing how ammunition cleared airport security checks. He remains in judicial custody. —BMB

Cab driver found dead in parked car

A cab driver was found dead inside his parked car near Nelagedarahalli under the limits of Peenya Police Station on Monday afternoon.

According to police, the driver had come to Bengaluru one month ago and was working for a private company. He had parked his car by the roadside around 10 am and was reportedly sleeping inside with the air conditioner switched on.

Locals grew suspicious after noticing that the vehicle had remained at the same spot for several hours without movement.

In the afternoon, residents approached the vehicle and found the driver lying motionless inside. As the doors could not be opened, they broke the car window with a stone and checked on him. He was found unresponsive.

Police and residents rushed the driver to a nearby hospital, where doctors declared him dead.

Preliminary examination indicated that the driver had suffered a heart attack. Peenya Police Station has registered a case of unnatural death and further investigation is underway. Police are awaiting detailed medical reports. —BMB

CCTV batteries stolen from Safe City network

A The theft of batteries connected to CCTV cameras installed under Bengaluru City Police's Safe City project has raised concerns over security of surveillance infrastructure meant for women's safety.

The incident was reported from Langford Road under Ashok Nagar police station limits.

According to a complaint filed by Rajeev Naikar, a project engineer with Honeywell, the company has installed CCTV cameras across several Bengaluru roads as part of the Safe City initiative and is also responsible for maintaining them. Police said that on May 16, around 11 am, Naikar and his team visited Langford Road and nearby areas for routine inspection.

Police said unidentified thieves allegedly broke open the boxes and stole batteries worth about Rs 46,000. The batteries were meant to ensure uninterrupted CCTV functioning during power outages. Ashok Nagar police have registered a case and launched investigation to trace the accused and recover stolen equipment. —BMB

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BDA construction faces heat over tree violations

Tree removal process remains incomplete, yet BDA begins construction, triggering notice from forest authorities over alleged violation of preservation norms

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The forest department of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) has served a notice to the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) for allegedly carrying out unauthorised construction inside the BDA Complex in HSR Layout.

According to the forest department, the project requires removal of 184 trees inside the complex campus. As per rules, construction activity can begin only after the verification process is completed, which remains pending in this case.

A site inspection conducted by GBA on May 6 showed that a brick-and-mortar wall had been constructed by BDA to create "temporary" sheds and shops, with some trees included within the newly built shed area. Two trees were also found to have fallen.

According to GBA, it received an application from BDA for removal of 184 trees. Site inspections by the Range Forest Officer (RFO) and Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) have been completed. However, a public notice regarding BDA's proposal to fell these trees is yet to be issued.

"We are yet to issue public notice, as required under the Karnataka Tree Preservation Act and High Court orders. GBA clearly instructed BDA not to begin construction before due process. However, our recent inspection shows work has started without permission," said Sudarshan GK, Deputy Conservator of Forests, GBA.

"In case of failure, further legal action will follow under Rule 8(1) of the Karnataka Tree Preservation Act, 1976, for felling trees without permission," the notice stated.

Under the Karnataka Tree Preservation Act and High Court directions, projects requiring felling of more than 50 trees must undergo verification by RFOs and ACFs, followed by a public notice inviting objections. The tree officer then conducts an inspection and files a report, followed by Bengaluru's Tree Expert Committee, which decides how many trees may be retained, cut, or translocated. BDA is carrying out development work to clear the old commercial complex building and construct shops for temporary relocation of shopkeepers. According to BDA, the complex has 143 trees.

A BDA official said a request to clear obstructing trees was submitted five months ago. In February, GBA proposed a felling of 49 trees, relocating 12, and retaining 82.

"Temporary stalls are being constructed without damaging trees. GBA inspected the site in April, and no trees were found to be removed. BESCOM trimmed some branches obstructing electric wires," said a BDA official.

Citizens and tree activists allege branches, and one tree was felled without permission. "BDA is a government agency and must follow the rules carefully. It is outrageous that construction began before verification and approval. The so-called temporary shed is made of brick and mortar," said a citizen.

"If violation has happened, it will be set right and action taken," said BDA Commissioner P Manivannan.

HIGH COURT

Serving sentence alone cannot secure parole release

The Karnataka High Court has held that imprisonment undergone by a convict cannot be sole criterion for granting parole, observing that temporary release must depend on several relevant factors.

The court observed that parole is discretionary relief meant to maintain family ties, address personal emergencies, and support rehabilitation objectives.

This process must include examination of prisoner's conduct in jail, seriousness and nature of offence, likelihood of misuse of liberty, purpose for seeking parole, and overall impact on society.

However, it said reformative approach cannot override concerns relating to public safety. It directed authorities to process parole applications with fairness, transparency, and adherence to legal principles. —BMB

Belagere copyright row puts Amazon under spotlight

Amazon has moved the Karnataka High Court challenging criminal proceedings initiated over the alleged unauthorised online sale of a novel written by late journalist and author Ravi Belagere.

The dispute centres on Kannada book Heli Hogu Karana, for which publishing and copyright rights are claimed by Bhavana Prakashana, managed by Belagere's daughter, Bhavana Belagere. Following the complaint, Bengaluru's Subramanyapura police registered a case under provisions of the Copyright Act against online marketplace platforms, including Amazon, for alleged copyright infringement and illegal distribution of copyrighted material.

A vacation bench issued notice to the State and other respondents. The matter will be heard further after replies are filed.—BMB

Handle with care: Wildlife tourism safety concerns brought to fore

Experts warn trained elephants remain unpredictable, urging stronger visitor rules, tighter crowd control and vigilant monitoring after fatal clash at Dubare camp

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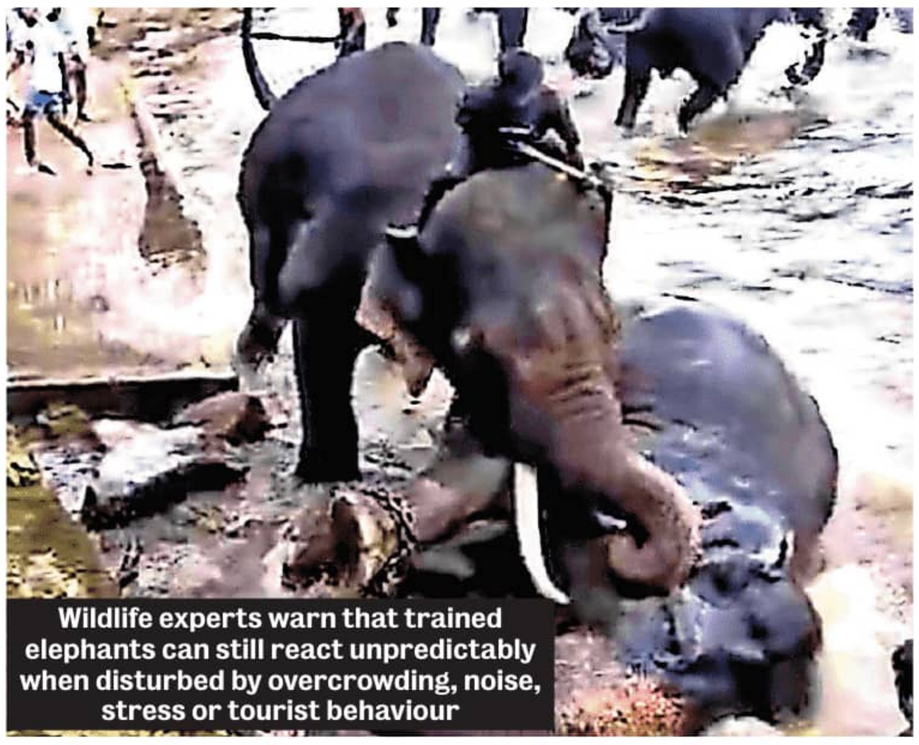
The tragic incident at Dubare Elephant Camp has once again triggered a serious debate over how safe it is for tourists to interact closely with wild animals. Wildlife experts and conservationists say the accident is a stark reminder that even trained elephants are still wild animals whose behaviour can change in a matter of seconds. The incident has now renewed calls for stricter safety protocols and better crowd management at wildlife tourism destinations across the State.

According to experts, elephants may appear calm and obedient, but they retain their natural instincts. Sudden sounds, overcrowding, stress, the summer heat, feeding time, irritation, or even provocation from another elephant can trigger unpredictable reactions. While reports suggest the elephant at Dubare did not directly attack the woman involved in the incident, experts believe the close proximity between tourists and elephants may have contributed to the tragedy. Wildlife specialists are now insisting that maintaining a safe distance between humans and animals should become a non-negotiable rule in wildlife tourism.

Dr Balladichanda C Chittiappa, a legendary Indian wildlife veterinarian widely revered as the "Elephant Doctor", pointed out that Dubare already has barricade systems for tourists during elephant viewing sessions. However, the accident reportedly took place during elephant bathing activities, where crowd control often becomes difficult. He noted that tourists frequently enter the water, attempt to touch elephants, or move dangerously close for photographs and videos. Such behaviour, he warned, significantly increases the risk of accidents.



Wildlife experts warn that trained elephants can still react unpredictably when disturbed by overcrowding, noise, stress or tourist behaviour

Close interactions, overcrowding and careless tourist behaviour around trained elephants have reignited urgent concerns over animal unpredictability, safety failures and growing commercialisation at wildlife tourism destinations across the State

Experts also believe tourist behaviour itself can become a major trigger. Many visitors remain unaware of animal warning signs or how to react in risky situations. Sudden shouting, flash photography, taking selfies near elephants, or allowing children to move too close can disturb animals and create panic-like situations.

Conservationists warn that such risks are not limited to elephants alone but apply to several forms of wildlife tourism.

A wildlife expert described the Dubare incident as unfortunate but not surprising. He said wild animals can never become fully predictable, no matter how long people train or domesticate them. According to him, the excessive commercialisation of wildlife tourism is becoming a growing concern. He added that tourist spots in India usually remain overcrowded, making it difficult for both visitors and mahouts to follow safety protocols around animals.

The incident has also sparked broader discussions on activities such as elephant rides, elephant bathing, tiger safaris, and other tourism attractions that place humans in close interaction with animals. Experts argue that the assumption that trained animals are completely safe is deeply flawed. Wildlife conservationists are now demanding stricter visitor regulations, controlled entry systems, continuous monitoring of animal behaviour, emergency medical support, and stronger warning systems at tourism sites. Many believe the Dubare tragedy should serve as a wake-up call for authorities to revisit safety standards before another avoidable accident takes place. A day after a woman tourist lost her life after getting caught in a violent clash between two trained elephants, one of the injured elephants also died on Tuesday, forest officials said. The elephant, identified as Marthanda, suffered serious injuries during Monday's confrontation and was undergoing treatment at a veterinary hospital. However, officials confirmed that the 53-year-old elephant succumbed to its injuries despite medical efforts.

Marthanda, weighing around 4,500 kg, was captured in Alur in Hassan district in 2023. The other elephant involved in the fight, Kanjan, aged 26, was captured near Yesalur in Hassan district in 2014 and participated in Mysuru Dasara celebrations on three occasions. Following the incident, Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre directed officials not to deploy Kanjan for future Dasara festivities.

'Strong safety intervention': Cap on cargo vehicle height welcomed

New motor vehicle amendment limits commercial cargo height, aiming to reduce accidents near bridges, electric lines, and congested roads

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Transport experts have welcomed the Centre's latest amendment to the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, which caps the height of certain commercial vehicles carrying white goods and solar equipment at 4.5 metres. While calling it a strong road safety intervention, they stressed that awareness, training, and strict enforcement will be crucial for the rule to succeed on the ground.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, through a Gazette notification issued on May 13, 2026, notified the Central Motor Vehicles (Seventh Amendment) Rules, 2026. The amendment applies to Category N2 and N3 goods vehicles, including truck trailers, semi-trailers, and tractor-trailers transporting white goods and photovoltaic solar panels or modules stacked in multiple layers. It introduces a strict cap, stating that the overall vehicle height must not exceed 4.5 metres.

The rule, issued under Section 110 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, came into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette. Officials said the amendment follows public consultation on draft rules issued earlier in January 2026 and aims to improve safety on highways and urban freight corridors by regulating oversized cargo movement. Speaking on the development, K Radhakrishna Holla, President of the Karnataka State Travel Operators Association, said the move addresses a growing urban transport risk.

"From the road safety perspective, this is a good and much-needed initiative by the Central Government. With the increasing use of medium and small goods vehicles for house shifting, white goods, and solar equipment transportation in urban areas, regulating vehicle height and load management will help improve public safety. Over-height vehicles often create risks near bridges, electric lines, and narrow city roads, leading to possible accidents and traffic hazards. The new regulation can help ensure safer and more disciplined transportation operations. "However, implementing rules alone is not enough. Greater awareness and proper training must also be provided to vehicle owners, drivers, and transport operators regarding load safety, vehicle height limits, and road safety regulations," he said. Bengaluru Traffic Police have booked 4,441 cases related to vehicles carrying oversized or protruding materials, highlighting the scale of violations on city roads.

Road safety enforcement teams inspect multi-axle trucks transporting large cargo loads under newly amended commercial vehicle height regulations.

A road safety expert said the amendment is a step in the right direction but requires strong enforcement mechanisms. Experts stress inspections, automated height checks, and awareness drives to enforce transport safety norms firmly.

Regular patrolling, surveillance cameras keeping things in check

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police department to understand the surveillance and regular patrolling protocols. According to residents, the infrastructure and vigilance have struggled to keep pace with the progressive growth in and around the forest patches and underdeveloped roads. "In the evening, many stretches here become isolated, with fewer street lights and the roads along the forest feeling unsafe, especially for women and elderly residents. I have seen people abuse drugs, and even park their cars in one of these low lit lanes to drink and cause a ruckus. The area is perfect for illegal activities, and many times, I have seen groups engage in drug or alcohol abuse which progresses into loud fights," said Chandrashekar, a resident of Balaji Layout in Thalaghattapura. He also highlighted that late at night many cars and bikes are found speeding on colony roads, some of which have injured stray animals.

Another resident, Anjuna from Adarsha Layout, shared concerns with respect to waste dumping and substance abuse near secluded regions. "The authorities have been cooperative and regularly clean the edges of the forest, but some people are irresponsible and lack civic sense," she said, adding that hospital waste, books, clothes, glass items, construction materials and plastic have all been dumped in the area. She highlighted that most forest boundaries have been vandalised, and garbage is being dumped in the forest. As the area is dimly lit around the corners, she shared that it is a possible threat to law and order. She also shared that post Covid, a lot of domestic animals, most commonly horses and cows, were abandoned here and with the forest walls breached, there is fear of human and animal conflict amongst residents.

According to Sub Inspector Suhaas NR of Thalaghattapura police station, "We have three Hoysala vehicles patrolling the area. During daytime, our focus remains around schools and colleges, busy market spaces and in the evenings we concentrate near factories as many women return from work late at night. After 11 pm, our teams patrol dark stretches and isolated roads, alongside construction areas and forest boundaries as petty thefts are reported occasionally.

The Sub Inspector also shared that the police department along with the RWAs (resident Welfare Association) and Change Makers of Kanakapura Road Association have installed cameras across a 38,000 sq km area. He highlighted that the police regularly respond to attempted suicide cases, manage familial disputes, and have a women's unit while also providing counselling to the public indulging in unlawful activities and drug or alcohol abuse. According to Sub Inspector CM Mani Gowda of the Traffic Department, around 50 surveillance cameras have been installed and nearly 60 personnel monitor traffic and violations. "Weekend violations such as drunken driving, speeding and occasional hit-and-run cases happen, and wheeling is noticed on Kanakapura Road, but constant vigilance has helped us keep the traffic situation under control," said the traffic official.

Jewellery industry grapples with grim outlook ahead

Gold market crashes as heightened taxes drive sales down, while PM Modi's appeal to avoid gold purchases fuels further uncertainty, sparking fears of job losses across sector

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A sharp decline in gold purchases following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal to postpone buying gold for a year, coupled with the recent hike in gold import duty, has triggered a severe slowdown in the jewellery industry. Traders across Bengaluru and several other cities say the impact has been immediate, with jewellery showrooms witnessing empty counters, falling sales and mounting fears of job losses among workers linked to the sector.

The gold and jewellery industry, considered as one of India's largest employment generators, supports nearly one crore jobs directly and indirectly, according to trade bodies such as the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) and the All India Gem and Jewellery Domestic Council (GJC).
From artisans and polishers to wholesalers, transport workers and retail staff, thousands now face uncertainty as business activity weakens sharply.

Jeweller Narayanachari said workers in the industry are already struggling due to a steep fall in wholesale orders. He noted that reduced demand has severely affected craftsmen and labourers who depend on daily production work for their livelihood.

Another jewellery retailer, Sunil Achari, said, "The slowdown has hit the trade harder than expected." He pointed out that rising gold and silver prices have forced consumers to cut back drastically on purchases. According to him, people who earlier bought around 30 grams of gold are now limiting purchases to nearly half that quantity. Even silver items, once commonly bought as gifts during weddings and celebrations, are seeing weak demand, while sales of necklaces and other gold ornaments have reportedly dropped to nearly 20 per cent of previous levels.

Demand for silver and gold jewellery has reportedly dropped, impacting craftsmen reliant on daily production for livelihood

Amid soaring prices, traders note rising demand for lower-carat jewellery, as simple designs and affordable pricing attract customers

Jewellers in Bengaluru estimate that the gold and silver trade has declined by nearly 30 to 40 per cent in recent weeks. Retailers say showrooms that would normally remain crowded during the wedding season are now witnessing very few customers. Similar conditions are being reported from several major cities, where even well-known jewellery brands are struggling with poor footfall.

Industry insiders also attribute the slump to the timing of the traditional Hindu calendar. The wedding season is nearing its end. From May 17 to June 15, the 'Adhik Maasa' period is observed, followed by the Ashada month from July 14 to August 12. Both periods are generally considered inauspicious for weddings and major ceremonies. Since there are very few auspicious dates for celebrations until late August or September, many families are reportedly postponing jewellery purchases for the next few months.

Amid soaring prices, buyers are also increasingly turning towards lower-carat jewellery. Traders say demand for 9-carat gold ornaments has started rising as consumers search for more affordable alternatives. Jewellers explained that 9-carat gold, made by blending pure gold with metals such as copper, silver and zinc, is significantly cheaper and more durable than traditional 22-carat jewellery. Simpler designs and lower pricing are making these ornaments more attractive to budget-conscious families, particularly for bridal purchases and gifting.

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INBRIEF

Man ends life due to financial pressure

A 45-year-old man allegedly died by suicide at his residence, after being unable to bear harassment over exorbitant interest payments on a private loan in Basaveshwara Nagar Police Station limits. Family members stated that they discovered the desceased, identified as Basavaraju, around 4 pm and immediately cut the rope with a knife in an attempt to save him, but he had already died. According to police, the deceased reportedly left behind a note and a video message blaming a man identified as Mahendra for his death. Basavaraju had borrowed Rs 50,000 from the man, however, he allegedly demanded monthly interest ranging between Rs 10,000 and Rs 20,000. Investigators said Basavaraju had initially paid the interest for a few months but later struggled to continue the payments. Basaveshwara Nagar police have registered an FIR and are searching for the absconding accused. Further investigation is underway. **BMB**

Steady fuel supply confirmed across state

Fuel dispensing operations continue without restrictions across Karnataka, with public sector oil marketing companies assuring uninterrupted supply of petrol, diesel and LPG, according to Siddharth Agarwal, State Level Coordinator for the Oil Industry in Karnataka. Indian Oil Corporation, Bharat Petroleum Corporation and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation are reportedly maintaining steady fuel availability despite global uncertainties affecting the oil and gas sector. Officials stated that fuel distribution is being supported through a robust supply chain comprising terminals, depots, LPG bottling plants and retail outlets across the state.
Adequate stocks of petroleum products are available at all levels, with continuous replenishment to meet demand. LPG supply for domestic users is also reported to be stable. The overall supply situation, officials confirmed, remains stable and under close monitoring. **BMB**

Suryavanshi counters Marsh effect to power Rajasthan

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Opening batter Mitchell Marsh fell four runs short of a deserved century, but his blistering knock, coupled with Josh Inglis' 60 and their strong partnership, laid the foundation for Lucknow Super Giants' imposing 220/5 against Rajasthan Royals in their must-win Indian Premier League (IPL) clash at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur on Tuesday.

On a batting-friendly surface, LSG's top order tore into Rajasthan's attack from the outset, with Marsh and Inglis producing a breathtaking opening partnership that left the hosts chasing the game for large parts of the innings. While Rajasthan pulled things back slightly in the middle overs through young leg-spinner Yash Raj Punja, Marsh's sustained assault and a late flourish from Rishabh Pant ensured LSG crossed the 220-mark.

Lucknow Super Giants' Australian cricket player Mitchell Marsh watches the ball after playing a shot; Rajasthan Royals' Vaibhav Sooryavanshi celebrates his fifty

Asked to bat first, LSG wasted no time taking the aggressive route. Marsh welcomed Jofra Archer with a four and a six in the opening over before Inglis joined the carnage against debutant Sushant Mishra. The Australian wicketkeeper-batter smashed a 99-metre six and followed it up with a flurry of boundaries as Rajasthan's bowlers struggled for control.

The Power-play yielded 83 without loss, one of LSG's best starts this season, with both batters targeting pace and exploiting the short boundaries square of the wicket. Inglis was particularly inventive, using ramps, slices, and pick-up shots to unsettle the bowlers, while Marsh relied on brute power and clean ball-striking.

The pair brought up a 100-run partnership in just 7.6 overs as Rajasthan desperately searched for a breakthrough. Punja eventually delivered one in the ninth over, deceiving Inglis with a turning delivery that crashed into middle stump. Inglis departed after a dazzling 60 off 29 balls, studded with seven fours and three sixes.

Nicholas Pooran briefly maintained the momentum with two sixes during his 16 off 11 balls, but Punja struck again to remove the left-hander and finish with impressive figures of 2-35.

Despite those wickets, Marsh continued to dominate. He brought up his half-century in 27 balls and punished anything remotely short or overpitched. Sushant Mishra, Sandeep Sharma, and Brijesh Sharma all faced the full force of Marsh's hitting as the Australian repeatedly cleared the ropes down the ground and through midwicket.

Pant, returning to the middle after Pooran's dismissal, initially took time before unleashing a few trademark strokes late in the innings, including a towering six over long-on and an audacious scoop off Archer.

—IANS

Overall child restraint use in K'taka lower than 1%

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and awareness remain weak. Like other countries where seat belts are compulsory, India also has the same rule. But it is neither properly enforced nor followed. One of the biggest barriers to child restraint adoption is affordability. The cheapest child restraint seat itself costs around ₹7,500. Parents often feel it becomes useless after a few years as the child grows older."

He added that many parents continue to allow children to sit in the front seat despite the risks. "In our country, even drivers and passengers often do not wear seat belts regularly. So naturally awareness about child restraints is very poor," he explained.

Section 194B of the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019 states that children below the age of 14 years must be secured using appropriate safety measures such as seat belts or child restraint systems (CRS) while travelling in a car.

Studies have shown that proper use of seat belts and child restraint systems can reduce fatalities by nearly 70%, making them one of the most effective road safety interventions available today. But the study shows that many adults do not use seat belts and nor are they doing it for their children.

Countries like UAE, Australia, United Kingdom, Sweden have stringent penalties and strict enforcement mechanisms to ensure children are secured in CRS.

Another issue flagged by Professor Sukumar is the lack of compatibility in vehicles. "To properly fix a child restraint, the car should have specific buckles and attachment systems. Many vehicle models in India still do not have these fittings," he said.

He explained that child restraints include full child seats for infants and younger children, as well as booster seats for older children. "A 12- year-old child may not require a full child restraint but may still need a booster seat," he said.

Road safety experts say there is now an urgent need for innovation and social entrepreneurship around child restraints in India. There is scope for young people and startups in Bengaluru to come forward with business ideas such as renting child seats, thrift-based exchanges, or low-cost access models.

"There is a need to educate parents about existing CRS regulations, the correct use of child restraints, and their life-saving benefits in preventing serious injuries during crashes," added Dr Sukumar.

Experts further called for large-scale multi-centre research studies across India to better understand child travel safety practices, regional challenges, and barriers to CRS adoption, which could help shape stronger policies and targeted interventions.

The observational sites in the study were in Bengaluru Urban, Rural and Ramanagar. Across five rounds of speed observations, a total of 1,554,771 observations were recorded.

Survey strike leaves farmers landlocked

A two-month-long strike by licensed private surveyors, coupled with severe staff shortages in the Survey and Land Records Department, has pushed land and property survey work into near paralysis, leaving farmers and property owners stranded.

With over 5.78 lakh survey applications pending across the state, citizens say they are making repeated trips to government offices despite paying survey fees months ago. Officials admit that nearly 45% of government surveyor posts remain vacant, forcing the state to depend heavily on around 4,500 licensed private surveyors on strike demanding equal pay and job security.

The crisis has become a headache for farmers, as delays in surveys and land demarcation are affecting property sales, agricultural loans and land conversion processes. Farmer leaders say unresolved survey disputes are preventing many from securing documents required for crop loans. **BMB**

Heat safety drive launched for workers

The Bengaluru North City Corporation (BNCC) implemented its Heat–Health Protocol with a health awareness and cooling kit distribution programme held at Ambedkar Bhavan, Yelahanka New Town, under the chairmanship of Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar.

The initiative, carried out in collaboration with C40, Sensing Local, and Hasiru Dala, aims to protect civic workers from rising heat stress amid increasing summer temperatures.

As part of the programme, ASHA workers, Dry Waste Collection Centre (DWCC) staff, and civic workers from Ward-24 and primary health centres in Amruthahalli, Thanisandra, and Agrahara Layout received cooling kits with temperature and humidity monitors, neck fans, water bottles, caps, and hand sleeves.

Awareness sessions on heat-related illnesses, symptoms of heat stress, and emergency measures were conducted. **BMB**

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WHEN SCREENS MANIPULATE USERS

Annoying pop-ups rarely violate consumer protection laws

You open a free app to do one simple thing. Before you begin, a full-screen message asks whether you want to try a paid version. The "Start free trial" button is large, bright and impossible to miss. The option to keep using the free version sits smaller at the bottom. The same prompt appears again tomorrow and again the next day.

Many people see screens like this and think, "Surely this has to be illegal." We even have a name for them: "dark patterns." They feel pushy, waste time and seem designed to wear users down. Yet in most cases, they are perfectly lawful.

The "Dark pattern" is not a legal term with a precise boundary. It is a broad label for digital designs that nudge, pressure, confuse, or trap users. As a legal scholar who studies consumer protection and digital design, I think readers should understand that this label covers a wide spectrum.

Some of that spectrum is merely annoying. Some of them are aggressive salesmanship. Some of them cross into deception or coercion. Federal and state consumer protection laws focus mainly on that final category. They do not ban every design people dislike. They ban designs that are tricky or coerced.

Annoying isn't illegal

That reality may sound unsatisfying, but it is not unusual. Offline life is full of things that are irritating but lawful. Think of a cashier asking whether you want a store credit card, then pointing out the discount you are declining, then asking again. Most people know what is happening. They roll their eyes, say no and shop elsewhere next time.

The same applies online. Repeat pop-ups can be obnoxious. A guilt-inducing button can feel tacky. Consumers usually recognize ordinary annoyance for what it is. Often, the market answer is simple: close the app, ignore the pitch, or take your business elsewhere.

Law also does not ban persuasive salesmanship simply because it works. A car salesperson steering you toward an upgraded model is trying to influence your choice. So is an airline clerk offering travel insurance. So is a restaurant server suggesting dessert. Digital design often borrows from these familiar techniques.

That helps explain why lawmakers cannot simply outlaw "manipulation." Many interfaces are built to persuade, openly, and lawfully.

What crosses the line

What the federal FTC Act and similar state consumer laws usually care about is not annoyance. They focus on whether a design is likely to mislead a reasonable consumer.

A design becomes likely to be unlawful when it hides key facts, makes an optional choice appear mandatory or tricks users about what a button does. A fake countdown timer, disguised ad, misleading one-click purchase button or cancellation path that looks complete when it is not different from ordinary hard selling. These designs do not merely pressure users. They can deceive them.

That is why intent is not always the key question. A company does not get a free pass because no one explicitly planned to trick users. The legal question often focuses on effect: what would a reasonable user likely understand from the screen?

Research on dark patterns reinforces this concern. Even mild designs can push people into choices they would not otherwise make. Regulators have increasingly focused on subscription flows, hidden fees, and cancellation of obstacles for this reason.

Why it feels like dark patterns are everywhere

One reason people think there are no laws against dark patterns is that they see them so often. That frequency reflects how broad the term is, covering conduct from lawful nagging to outright deception.

It also reflects enforcement limits. Regulators cannot chase every irritating screen on every app and website. They must prioritise the worst cases. That leaves plenty of borderline conduct in the wild, making the problem feel bigger and murkier to ordinary users.

So, when people ask why there is no law against dark patterns, the best answer is that there already is. Law simply does not prohibit every annoying or high-pressure design. It targets lies, misleading cues, and coercive obstacles.

That line can feel fuzzy. But that fuzziness is not a flaw. It reflects the law's effort to separate persuasion from deception in a world full of both.

Understanding that distinction matters for users navigating modern digital spaces. Not every irritating screen deserves legal punishment, and not every persuasive prompt is dishonest. But when design choices conceal truth or block consent, consumer law steps in. Knowing where that boundary lies helps people recognise when to ignore annoyance and when to demand accountability.

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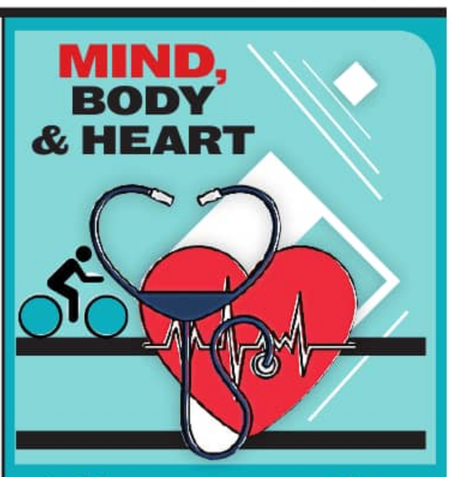

All you need to know about...

Loose skin

Why it happens
Loose skin after weight loss is common and often surprises people who expect only positive physical changes. Skin stretches over time to accommodate extra body mass, but when weight drops significantly, it does not always snap back. This happens because collagen and elastin, proteins responsible for firmness and elasticity, weaken after prolonged stretching. Age, genetics, sun exposure and duration of carrying excess weight also influence how well skin recovers.

Smart prevention
Gradual weight loss gives skin a better chance to adjust naturally. Experts suggest aiming for slow, steady progress rather than crash dieting. Strength training is equally important because building muscle helps fill areas where fat once sat, creating a firmer appearance.

Nourish skin
What you eat directly affects skin health. Protein supports collagen production, while vitamins C and E, zinc and omega-3 fatty acids strengthen skin structure. Collagen supplements may offer support, though research remains mixed. Daily skincare can improve texture too. Creams with retinoids, peptides and hyaluronic acid help hydration and surface smoothness, though they cannot fully tighten severe sagging.

When needed
If loose skin remains significant after weight stabilises, medical treatments may help. Non-invasive options like ultrasound, radiofrequency and microneedling stimulate collagen for mild improvement. For severe sagging after dramatic weight loss, body contouring surgery offers the most visible results. Experts recommend considering procedures only after maintaining stable weight for several months and consulting qualified specialists.

—Femina

MIRRORLIGHTS

Two hours outdoors daily to prevent myopia

In view of the alarming rise in childhood myopia across India and globally, the All India Ophthalmological Society has released guidelines emphasising annual eye examinations, school vision screenings, and spending two hours outdoors daily.

Released during World Myopia Week 2026, observed from May 18 to 24, the guidelines on "Prevention and Management of Childhood Myopia" reinforce the widely advocated 20-20-20 rule, encouraging children to take a 20-second break every 20 minutes and focus on an object 20 feet away to reduce eye strain.

Developed by leading pediatric ophthalmologists with support from Sun Pharma, the guidelines aim to equip parents, educators, and healthcare professionals with evidence-based recommendations to address the growing health challenge.

In India, prevalence rates among school-going children have risen sharply, with urban studies indicating nearly 14 per cent prevalence and rural regions witnessing a rise from 4.6 per cent to 6.8 per cent over the past decade.

Dr Jeewan Singh Titiyal, President of the All India Ophthalmological Society and former chief of RP Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, AIIMS Delhi, said childhood myopia is increasingly becoming a serious long-term eye health concern.

Experts attribute the surge to prolonged screen exposure, reduced outdoor activity, increasing academic pressure, and extended near work. The guidelines also provide insights into interventions including atropine eye drops, specialised spectacles, orthokeratology, and soft multifocal contact lenses.

Findings from screenings conducted across 13 cities among more than one lakh children revealed that 13.6 per cent were affected by myopia, while 27 per cent had vision requiring attention

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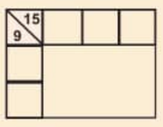
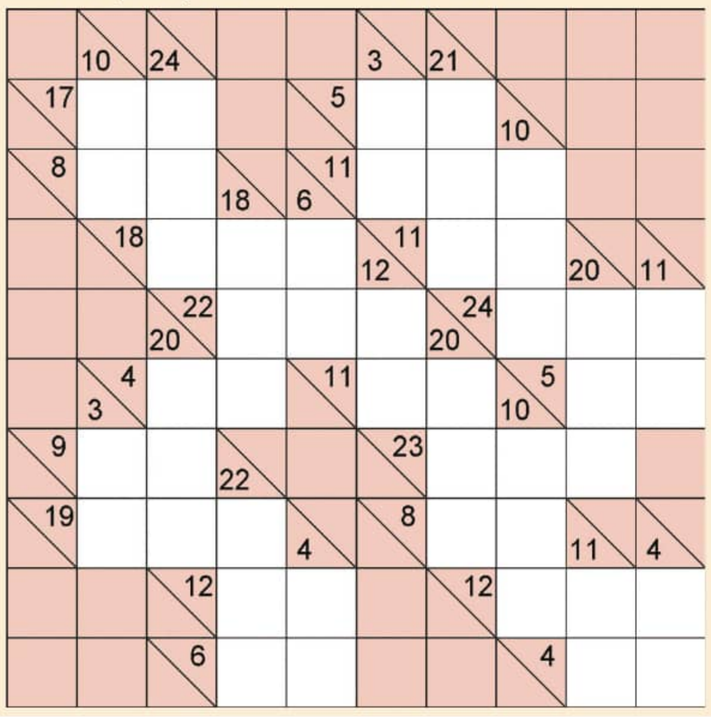


The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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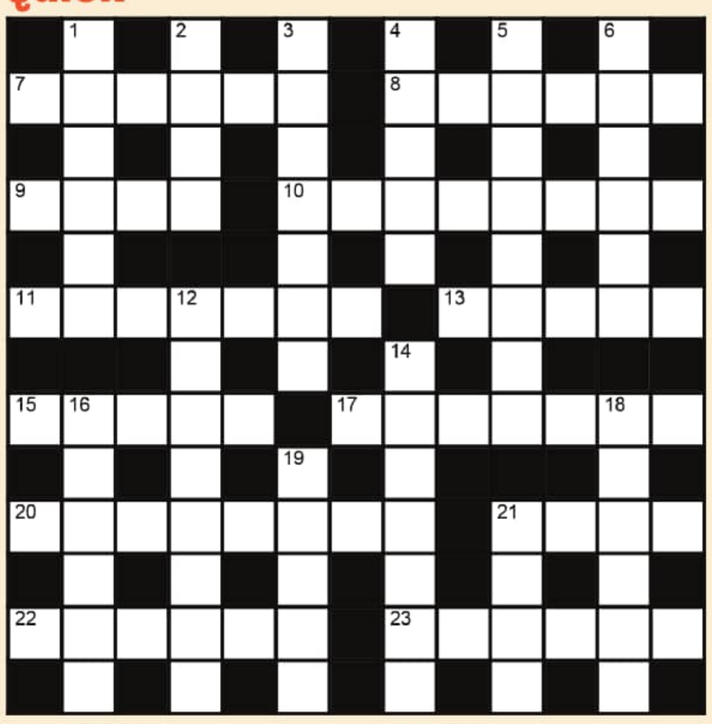


ACROSS

7 A bound book (6)
8 Basement (6)
9 Knife thrust (4)
10 Crocheting (8)
11 Becoming high strung or taut? (7)
13 Church words (5)
15 Coral isle (5)
17 ____ with : tolerating patiently? (7)
20 Our former PM Dr __ Singh (8)
21 Small pieces (4)
22 Small boring tool (6)
23 The State Archaeological ____ is located in Cubbon Park (6)

DOWN

1 Formal wear round the neck for men (3-3)
2 Incandescent lamp (4)
3 Friday night to Sunday usually (7)
4 Sharp and biting (5)
5 Veteran (3-5)
6 Great gun (6)
12 In a serious and sedate manner, in a way? (8)
14 Pseudonym (3-4)
16 Extremely sad (6)
18 Still batting (3,3)
19 Closes or slams (5)
21 Lie in the sun (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: X EQUALS C

UMXTSWXNJ UMEZ WG SNEXWGGWGZ. QIO XNS'U FMJWMDM MDMEQUTWSR WG QIOE LNOJU OSJMGG QIO NJGI FMJWMDM QIO'EM NJJ VIKMELOJ.

Linemaro

Who needs notes as long as I've a photo of you and I in my purse

Mindchow

Happiness is when you feel good about yourself without the need for anyone else's approval

Joke of the day

Home: A place where a man is free to say anything he pleases because no one pays any attention to him

Loop

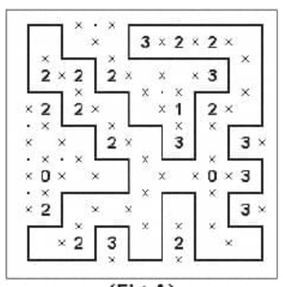
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

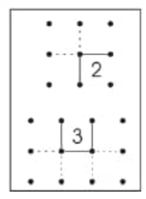
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

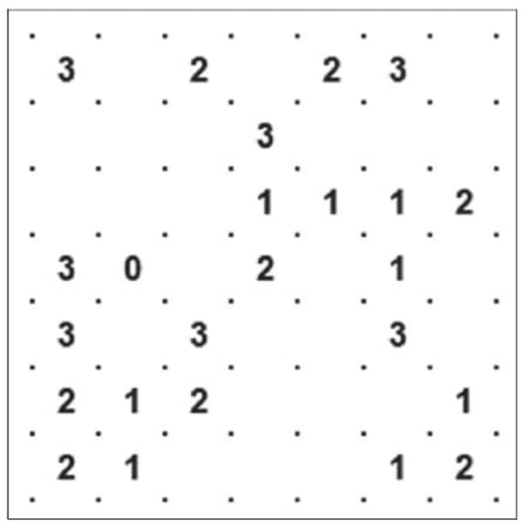
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



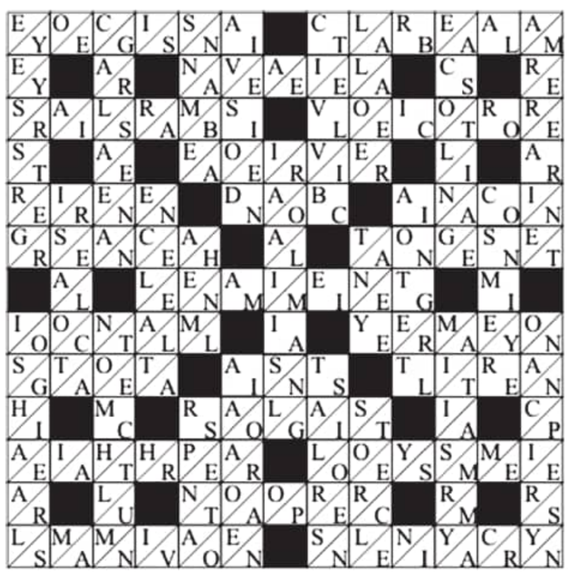
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6			M	
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

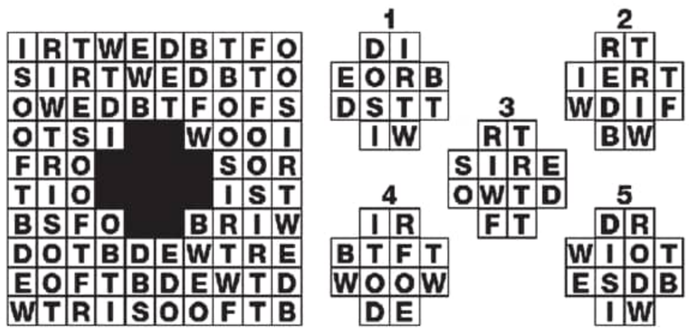
1 Trust; 6 me hic; 7 Arab a; 8 Tores; 9 Weals

DOWN

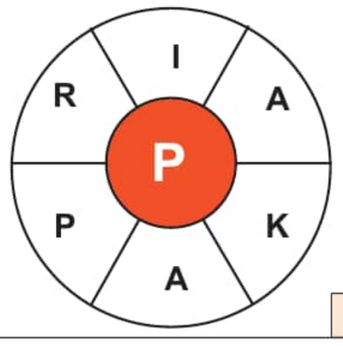
1 Crass; 2 Worth; 3 Raita; 4 Blue M; 5 See at

Mensapuzzle

Which piece fits back into the grid?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

03 Average; **04** Good; **05** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

5			8		9			7
9								3
		4		7		1		
	1	9	6		8	5	3	
			5		4			
	8	5	3		7	9	2	
		7		8		3		
3								9
8			4		3			2

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 5

1 5 6 7

Medium = 11

5 7 7 8

Hard = 26

1 2 5 5

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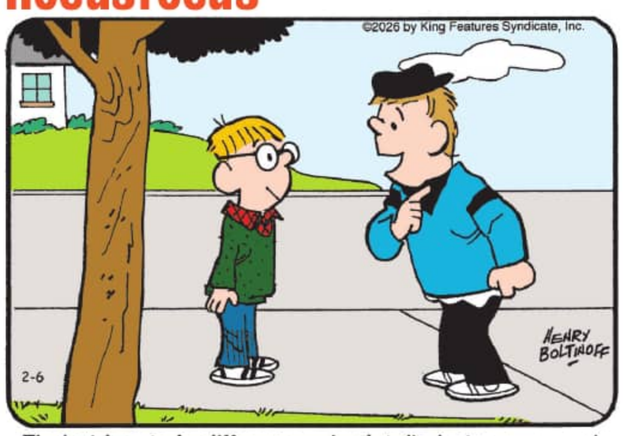
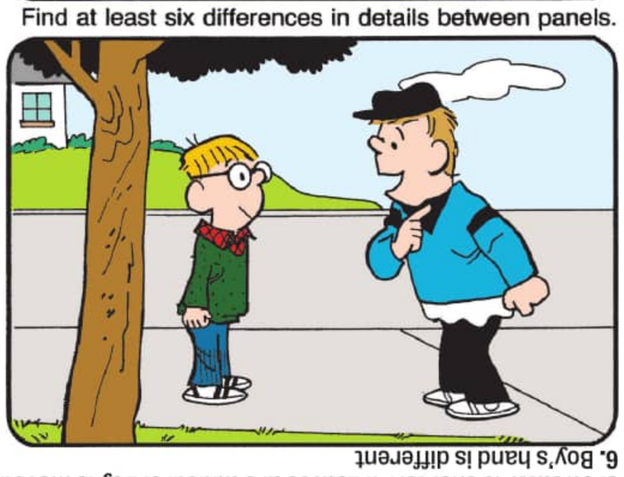


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Ann is moved. 2. Cap is turned around. 3. Sweater is shorter. 4. Leaves are added. 5. Boy is moved. 6. Boy's hand is different

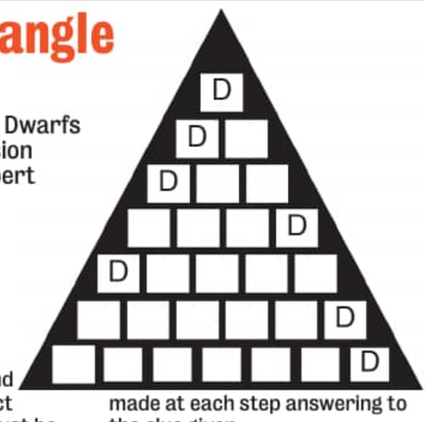
Riddler

Answer the clues with a pair of rhyming words. (plump feline = fat cat)

1. Moby Dick fan letter
2. Stream cove
3. Medieval soldier competition
4. Extra couple
5. Metal drain plug

Alpha triangle

1 Vitamin type
2 Act
3 One of the Seven Dwarfs
4 Lacking compassion
5 Sweetly to Schubert
6 Shut away
7 Obstructed



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

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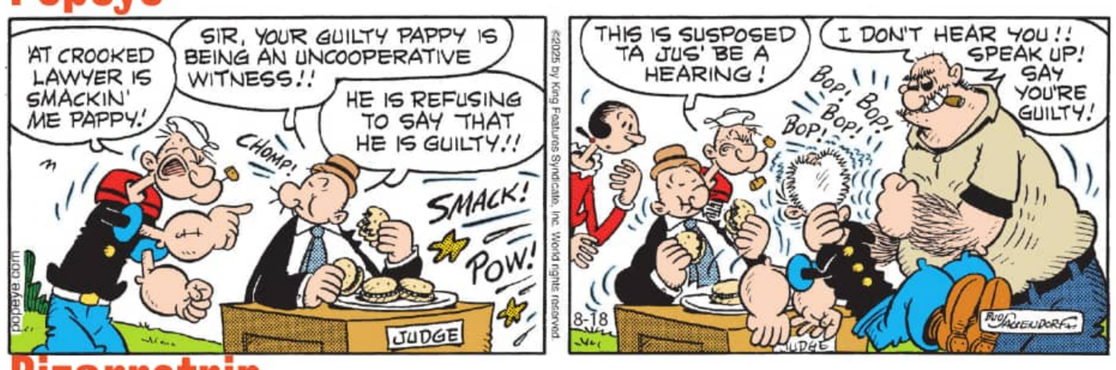
Popeye



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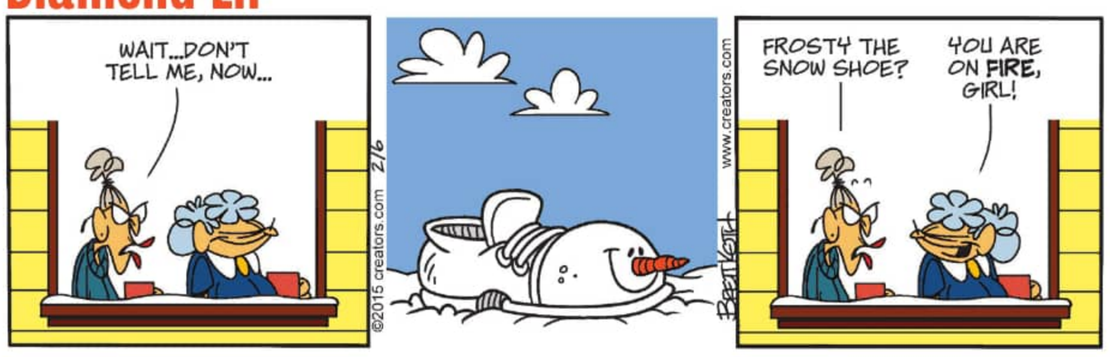
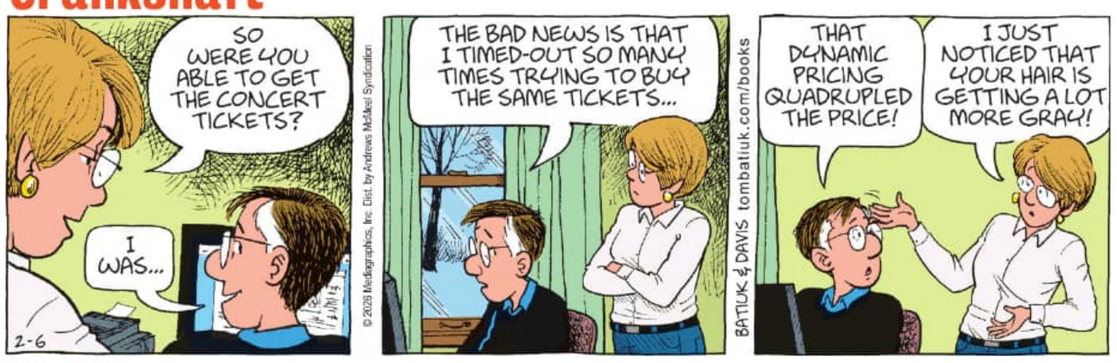


Hart of the city

Crankshaft



Mutts

WRITTEN IN THE STARS

DR SUNDEEP KOCHAR

If it's your birthday today

Partnership and collaboration are essential for your growth. You achieve more by working with others than by going it alone. A business or romantic partnership reaches a new level of depth and understanding. Focus on negotiation and the art of compromise. Your ability to see both sides of every situation makes you a highly effective and fair mediator.

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20

Financial clarity arrives through an unexpected conversation. Listen closely to a mentor's advice regarding your long-term savings. Small adjustments made now will yield significant growth by the coming winter season.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20

Persistence pays off in a lingering legal or bureaucratic matter. Keep your documents organized and your head high. Finality is near, bringing a sense of immense relief and fresh starts.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21

A sibling or close neighbour requires your support. Your talent for communication helps bridge a gap in understanding. Be the mediator who brings peace back to the local family circle.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23

Career ambitions take a backseat to personal well-being today. It is okay to slow down. Recharging your batteries ensures you have the stamina for the busy weeks lying ahead.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23

Creative blocks dissolve, allowing inspiration to flow freely once again. Dive into a project that makes your heart sing. Your unique vision is ready to be shared with the world.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23

Domestic harmony is your focus. Spend time beautifying your living space. Small changes, like fresh flowers or new pillows, significantly lift your mood and create a sanctuary of total peace.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22

Intellectual stimulation comes from a surprising source. Keep an open mind during a routine meeting. You might discover a new passion that changes the trajectory of your entire professional life.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22

Focus on your physical health today. A nutritious meal or a brisk walk works wonders for your energy levels. Listen to your body; it knows exactly what it needs.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22

Romantic sparks fly in an unexpected setting. Be open to new connections. A playful attitude attracts positive attention. Enjoy the thrill of the chase and the magic of new beginnings.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20

Focus on home improvements or reorganizing your personal space. A de-cluttered environment mirrors a de-cluttered mind. You will find a lost item that holds significant sentimental value under the bed.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19

Your voice is powerful today. Speak up for those who cannot. Your advocacy creates a ripple effect of positive change in your community. Lead with courage and a kind heart.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20

Financial intuition is sharp. You might find a way to increase your income through a creative side project. Trust your imagination to lead you toward a more prosperous future path.

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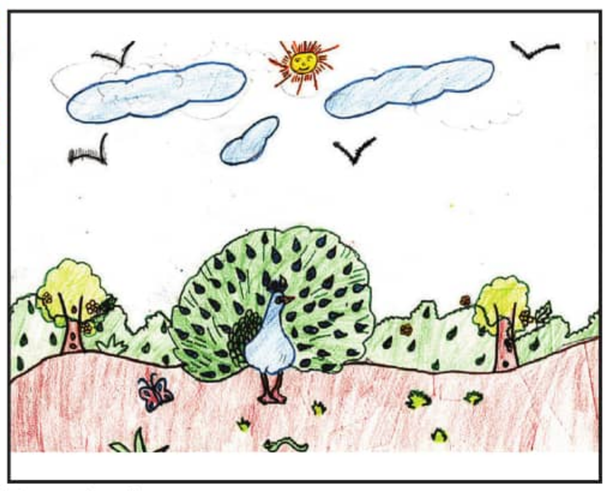

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M

= 4^(8/8) /8^(4/8) × 8^(2/4) = 4/ 8^(1/2) × 8^(1/2) = 4

BULL'S EYE

pair, papa, PAPRIKA, park, parka

QUOTE UNCODE

Technical term is narcissism. You can't believe everything is your fault unless you also believe you're all powerful.

FAST FIVE

S	T	R	U	T
C	H	I	M	E
A	R	A	B	A
R	O	T	E	S
S	W	A	L	E

STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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RIDDLER

1. Whale mall,
2. Brook nook,
3. Knight flight,
4. Spare pair,
5. Copper stopper

MENSA PUZZLE

3. Starting top left and moving clockwise in a spiral, the sequence of letters I, R, T, W, E, D, B, T, F, O, O, S repeats over and over.

SUDOKU

5	2	1	8	3	9	6	4	7
9	7	8	1	4	6	2	5	3
6	3	4	2	7	5	1	9	8
7	1	9	6	2	8	5	3	4
2	6	3	5	9	4	8	7	1
4	8	5	3	1	7	9	2	6
1	4	7	9	8	2	3	6	5
3	5	2	7	6	1	4	8	9
8	9	6	4	5	3	2	1	7

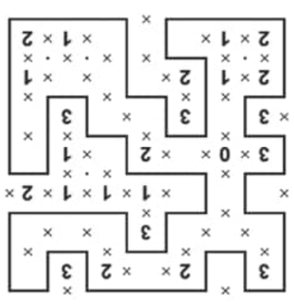
ALPHA TRIANGLE

D, Do, Doc, Cold, Dolce, Locked, Blocked.

GO FIGURE

7 + 5 – 1 – 6 = 5
Easy
7 + 5 – 8 + 7 = 11
Medium
5 x 5 + 2 – 1 = 26
Hard

LOOP



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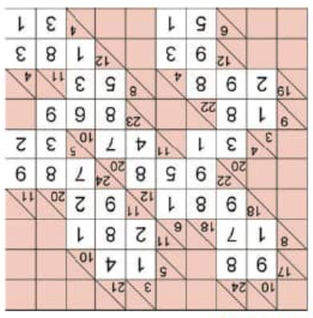

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Suraj sets record straight on split with Mouni Roy

Days after a troubled split between actress Mouni Roy and her husband Suraj Nambiar sent social media into a frenzy, the latter has broken his silence with a firm and detailed statement. In the same, he has categorically denied claims of alimony, disputes and a third party and called out media houses for publishing what he describes as deliberate misinformation. Taking to social media, Nambiar addressed the swirling speculation head-on with a strongly-worded post. He wrote, "Recent baseless reports surrounding our separation have been made in bad taste and are absolutely malicious. Let me set the record straight once and for all. There is no alimony. There are no disputes. There is no third party involved."

He was equally clear about the nature of their parting and added, "Mouni and I chose to part ways together, with mutual respect and with full consideration for each other's well-being." **—ETimes**

FLYING SOLO

Actress Sara Ali Khan reveals why she's in no rush for marriage

Sara Ali Khan does not seem to be in any rush to get married, even as many of her peers have already settled down. The actress, who has recently been in the news due to dating rumours with a non-actor, appears to be taking things at her own pace. In a recent interview, she spoke openly about choosing patience over pressure and focusing on her own growth rather than feeling the need to find a partner anytime soon.

'Marriages can go wrong'

In a conversation with News18, the actress said, "You are a product of your experiences and what you see around you. At the risk of being too serious, I've seen that marriages can also go wrong. So, it's better to wait for the right person and when that happens, that will be the correct time. I think that's the most important thing. I have what it takes to be okay [without being married]. I don't feel the need to be completed. I'm not looking to be completed."

Sara's focus is on her career

For now, Sara is focused on her career and does not want anything to distract her from it. She said, "I want to be a complete human being within myself. And then if I find somebody to celebrate me, cherish me and make me feel even better, that's fine. Looking for this missing piece in you in somebody else isn't a sustainable thing. You shouldn't do that. And right now, I want to work. Meanwhile, if the right person has to come, they will." When asked if she thought she could be a red flag to her partner, she had a confident and honest answer. "I think I can get into my own head sometimes. But that's internal, I don't think it will affect the other person. Other than that, I'm a green flag," she said. **—ETimes**

Golden hour at Cannes

Actor Diana Penty made a standout appearance at the Cannes Film Festival's Bharat Pavilion, choosing a look that celebrated Indian heritage and craftsmanship on an international platform.

Diana wore a custom-designed golden saree by designer Manish Malhotra, drawing attention for its rich texture and traditional aesthetic. Sharing details of the ensemble on social media, the actor described the look as "Cannes dipped in a little Indian gold." She further explained the inspiration behind the outfit, writing, "Wearing a custom knit @manishmalhotra05 saree at the Bharat Pavilion... because in India, gold has always meant more than just colour."

The ensemble was paired with statement earrings completing the actor's traditional yet contemporary appearance. Diana Penty's Cannes Bharat Pavilion makeup complemented her custom Manish Malhotra look with bronzed glowing skin, smoky earth-toned eyes, nude lips and structured brows. The overall aesthetic delivered an elegant, sun-kissed goddess vibe with effortless sophistication and metallic warmth.

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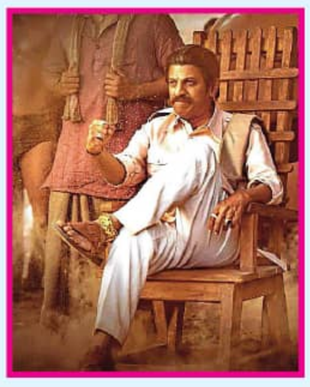
Shivanna's unique getup

Karunada Chakravarthy Dr Shiva Rajkumar, whose popularity extends beyond regional borders, is set to appear in a striking new avatar in the forthcoming multi-lingual film Peddi. He plays Gournaidu, a wrestler, while Ram Charan takes on the protagonist's role.

If all goes as planned, Peddi will release on June 4 in five languages — Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam and Hindi. Directed by Buchi Babu Sana of Uppena fame, the film features Janhvi Kapoor opposite Ram Charan, with music by AR Rahman and cinematography by R Rathnavelu.

Dr Shiva Rajkumar is no stranger to Telugu audiences, having played pivotal roles in Gautamiputra Satakarni and Jailer.



The ensemble cast also includes Jagapathi Babu and Divendu Sharma. Backed by Venkat Satish Kilaru under the Prithvi Cinemas banner, in association with Mythri Movie Makers and Sukumar Writings, the film is set in 1980s rural Andhra Pradesh, where a villager unites his community through sports to defend its pride.

New track out

The team of the upcoming Kannada film Rakky recently launched its first single, Ragado Rakky, on PRK Audio.

Director Venkat Bharadwaj revealed that the track has already struck a chord with music lovers. Rakky marks Bharadwaj's 14th directorial venture, following Hey Prabhu.

"It is a commercial entertainer but aimed at all categories of audiences. Rakky Suresh makes debut as a hero with this movie. He agreed to act in the movie provided Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar okayed the script. I wrote the script apart from handling the megaphone. As of now, the movie is in the process of getting the certificate from the Censor Board. We are contemplating to release the movie in the last week of next month," said Bharadwaj.

The director also praised the lead actor for his acting and dancing skills.

"The song Ragado Rakky is full of rhythm. The lyrics are written by Loki Tavasya apart from scoring music while Kambiraj composed choreography," the director added.

The movie Rakky is supported by Suresh Saligrama under the SNR Productions banner. The movie features Rakky Suresh, Pallavi Manjunath, Ashika Somasekhar, B Suresh, Sampath Maithreya, Ramesh Pandit, Bala Rajwadi and Harini Srikanth.